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"Good morning, I'm picking up my prescription for laudanum and throw in a gallon of gas."

The questions are endless. So, I shall end this bit of my editorial and jump down the Transportation History Rabbit Hole.

UPCOMING ISSUES AND DEADLINES

AUGUST 1 – Birth stories, naming traditions, farming and ranching stories – find details as you read this issue.

OCTOBER 15 – Witches, graveyards, spooky stories.

YIKES! One of our editors, Mary Jacob, was the first one to get her story to us for the Spring edition. Your Editor-in-Chief was so elated she filed it safely away – and forgot to include it in that issue! Is my face red. Mary, her usual elegant self, has forgiven me. On the bright side, it is a reminder for any of you who have stories about taking a new look at research problems... write a story and send them to us.



Next issue theme suggestion:

NAMING TRADITIONS IN YOUR FAMILY OR CULTURE.

IN THIS COUNTRY WE COMMONLY THINK of a child being given a first name, perhaps a middle name, and the family surname shortly after birth. There once was the tradition of naming the first son after his paternal grandfather; the first girl after her maternal grandmother. However, not all countries or cultures or religions follow these traditions. Did your family change their surname? (NO – officials did NOT change it at Ellis Island, or elsewhere.) I have found a number of folks who switch from first name to middle name on records. One census is Paul Amos Smith; the next Amos Paul Smith. Did you know that Henry David Thoreau was actually named David Henry Thoreau? I wonder how many people have been given “nicknames” by their family, and use that name as well. Might name changes hide someone’s identity? While researching your family, what naming traditions or patterns have you found? Have names helped or hindered your research?

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